

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Appln. of: GREGORY SPINGLE

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**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

Sir:

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b), Applicant cites the following references (each listed for the Examiner's convenience on the enclosed Form PTO-1449):

| No.          | Date of Publication | Patentee/Applicant/Assignee |
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| Des. 378,968 | 04/29/1997          | Martin et al.               |
| Des. 416,741 | 11/23/1999          | Denney et al.               |
| Des. 419,356 | 01/25/2000          | Denney et al.               |
| 6,029,962    | 02/29/2000          | Shorten et al.              |
| 6,247,745    | 06/19/2001          | Carroll, III et al.         |
| 6,547,280    | 04/15/2003          | Ashmead                     |
| 6,550,850    | 04/22/2003          | Laborie et al.              |
| 6,557,929    | 05/06/2003          | Fox et al.                  |

A copy of each listed reference for which a copy is required under 37 C.F.R. §1.98(a)(2) is also enclosed. Applicant respectfully solicits the Examiner's consideration of the listed references and entry thereof into the record of this application.

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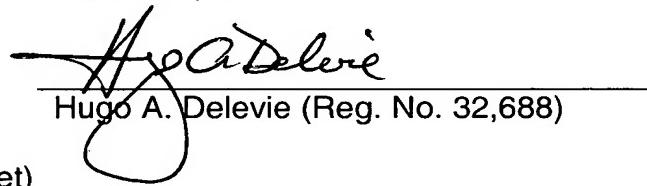
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Respectfully submitted,

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